

**MINUTES OF
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
JOINT WORKSHOP WITH THE CITY OF STARKE COMMISSION
5:30 P.M.
THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2015**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in a joint workshop with the City of Starke Commission on Thursday, March 5, 2015, at 6:30 p.m., in the City Hall Commission Room at 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida.

PRESENT FOR THE COUNTY COMMISSION: Chairman Chandler, Commissioner Sellars, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Lewis, and Commissioner Riddick.

PRESENT FOR THE CITY COMMISSION: Mayor Woods, Commissioner Chastain, Commissioner Nugent, Commissioner Spooner and Commissioner Waters.

ALSO PRESENT: Rachel Rhoden, Deputy County Manager; Will Sexton, County Attorney; Ricky Thompson, City Clerk; Tom Ernharth, City Manager, Tom Rowe, Fire Chief; and Mark Crawford, Press.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Woods called the workshop to order at 6:30 p.m.

JULY 4TH FIREWORKS DISPLAY (COST): Discussion was not limited to but included cost and share of cost (City, County and TDC), fireworks vendor, duration of fireworks display, liability, and location.

Directive/Consensus:

- The City and County will equally contribute \$4,000 toward the cost. Mr. Thompson will contact the vendor to find out how long the display will last, based on \$8,000.
 - Commissioner Sellars to see if the TDC would be willing to contribute.
 - Location Options: City square downtown, the football field, or the fairgrounds. City Clerk Thompson will confirm. (The location will depend on the size of the event and approval of the Fire Marshal.)
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BEAUTIFICATION OF THE PRATT STREET RETENTION POND (COST):

Proposal: To install two (2) lighted fountains in the Pratt Street Retention Pond, next to the library. One quote received of \$8,000. Two additional quotes are necessary.

Discussion was not limited to but included share of cost, liability, planting jasmine along the fence instead of installing fountains, maintenance cost, and the County leasing the pond to the City.

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Directive/Consensus:

- The County Commission is not in favor of contributing to the proposed project.
- Should the City decide to move forward with the project, they will approach the County with a request to lease the pond to the City for \$1.00 per year.

TAX ABATEMENT (STRUCTURE USE): Discussion revealed that both Commissions previously approved a referendum to determine whether its respective jurisdictions may grant economic development ad valorem tax exemptions to businesses, pursuant to F.S.196.1995. Both referendums were voted on and passed by the respective electors.

There was brief discussion regarding the application/approval process and the criteria to follow in determining the extent of each tax exemption being considered.

Directive/Consensus:

Attorneys for the respective Commissions will meet to discuss and develop one set of written criterion/methodology to be used by both Commissions when considering economic development ad valorem tax exemption applications.

ROAD PAVING: Discussion was not limited to but included the resurfacing of Georgia, Grand, Weldon, McMahon and Orange Streets through the FDOT CIGP (County Incentive Grant Program) with a let date of 2018, patching these streets until they can be resurfaced, resurfacing Old Lawtey Road, and how the FDOT resurfacing/paving programs are structured and administered.

Directive/Consensus:

- The County will contact FDOT regarding resurfacing of Old Lawtey Road.
- The City will decide whether to wait until 2018 to have the streets paved or to move forward on its own for an earlier completion date.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, the workshop adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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ROSS CHANDLER, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
RAY NORMAN, CLERK TO THE BOARD

Minutes prepared by Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk

Minutes approved by BOCC at the Regular Scheduled Meeting of _____.